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Examiner: Vishal L. Patel

In Re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s): Liming LOU

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For: SEALING DEVICE AND SLIDING MEMBER

Docket No.: AI 286

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) **RESPONSE TO**
) **ELECTION OF SPECIES**
) **REQUIREMENT**
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Election of Species Requirement dated September 30, 2004, Applicant elects the embodiment of species II, as shown in Figure 7, for examination. Claims 1-11 and 13-18 read on the elected species. The election is made without traverse. By making this election and selecting these claims for examination, however, Applicant does not restrict the scope of the listed claims to only the features of the exemplary embodiment shown in Fig. 7. Rather, these claims may also read, for example, on other exemplary embodiments described in the specification, and should be afforded the broadest scope allowed by the relevant prior art. The Examiner's attention is specifically directed to Example 1 and to Fig. 12, which is a test data of Example 1. This Example and Figure 12 should be considered when species II is examined.

Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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